

## SOUTHERN PUBLISHERS PLEDGE LOYAL SUPPORT

Convention in Session at Asheville Declares for Vigorous Prosecution of War.

PRESS OF SOUTH BACKS U. S.

Resolution Expresses Unbounded Confidence in Wilson—Newspapers Will Co-Operate in Every Way Possible to Bring About Victory.

By Associated Press.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., July 9.—With unwavering support of the government in the conduct of the war as the keynote, the opening session of the sixteenth annual convention of the Southern Newspaper Publishers' Association was held here Monday morning. The attendance of members this year is one of the largest in the history of the association, over 100 answering the roll call.

Called to order at 10 o'clock by President F. G. Bell, of the Savannah, Ga. News, the convention, after hearing reports from the president and treasurer, discussed the relation of the American press to the government in the prosecution of the war and unanimously adopted the following resolution, which was presented by Victor Hanson of Birmingham, Ala. News:

"Whereas it is generally recognized that the sympathetic cooperation of a virile press is essential to maintain the morale of the civilian population of a nation at war; to arouse interest in government financing; to obtain proper distribution of the available labor supply; to conserve food; and in other ways aid and assist the government in its varied undertakings, and "Whereas the press of the South is a unit in loyalty, enthusiasm and willingness in devoting itself wholeheartedly and without reserve to the support of the government and

"Whereas a definite expression pledging all the resources, tangible and intangible, of the newspapers of the South to carry into the action this loyalty, enthusiasm and willingness to serve, may be reassuring to our President, the foremost statesman in the world, therefore be it

Resolved by the Southern Publishers' Association, in convention assembled at Asheville, N. C., on this, the 8th day of July, 1918, that this association goes on record as expressing its profound belief in the justice of the cause of America in this war; its sincere admiration of the manner in which the President and his advisers and co-workers have conducted the various branches of the government during the war, and its entire confidence in the future of this country, whether in war or in peace, under the masterly guidance of our President.

Be it further resolved, that this association pledges itself to carry this devotion into action, no matter what the cost, no matter what the sacrifices that may be asked of it; that it pledges its entire membership to undivided devotion to the principles for which our heroic army and navy are battling; that it pledges the fullest possible use of the newspapers under control of its members to the support of the government in prosecuting this war until complete, overwhelming military victory brings peace again to the world;

Be it further resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this association, that a copy be forwarded by the secretary to President Woodrow Wilson, and that this resolution shall be printed in every newspaper controlled by members of this association."

### CHARGE TREASONABLE ACT

Indian Sailors and Soldiers Alleged to Have Blown Up Italian Battleship.

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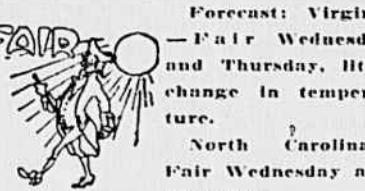
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## The Weather

Furnished by U. S. Weather Bureau  
(Federal Summer Time Used.)



Forecast: Virginia  
Fair Wednesday and Thursday, little change in temperature.

North Carolina  
Fair Wednesday and Thursday.

Local Temperature Yesterday.  
12 noon temperature..... 73  
8 P. M. temperature..... 78  
8 P. M. temperature..... 80  
Maximum temperature to S. P. M. .... 80  
Mean temperature yesterday..... 69  
Normal temperature for this date..... 79  
Deficiency yesterday..... 10  
Excess since March 1..... 215

Local Rainfall.  
Rainfall last four hours. None  
Excess since March 1..... 5.50  
Excess since January 1..... 5.50

Local Observations at S. P. M.  
Temperature 77; humidity, 48; wind, direction, southwest; wind, velocity, 3 miles; weather, clear.

**CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.**

Place. S. P. M. High. Low. Weather.  
Asheville, N. C. 70 54 62 Clear  
Atlanta 82 81 62 Clear  
Baltimore 76 76 69 Cloudy  
Boston 81 81 62 Cloudy  
Buffalo 69 69 62 Cloudy  
Charleston 78 86 68 Cloudy  
Chicago 66 78 68 Cloudy  
Cincinnati 76 82 68 Cloudy  
Galveston 74 88 68 Cloudy  
Hatteras 74 66 62 Clear  
Hayne 84 86 68 Clear  
Jacksonville 78 89 76 Cloudy  
Knoxville 84 86 68 Cloudy  
Montgomery 85 90 72 Cloudy  
New Orleans 88 92 76 Cloudy  
New York 68 68 58 Cloudy  
Norfolk 76 78 62 Clear  
Oklahoma 72 94 72 Cloudy  
Pittsburgh 68 82 72 Cloudy  
Raleigh 80 82 68 Clear  
San Francisco 56 60 56 Clear  
Tampa 78 86 68 Cloudy  
Washington 78 86 78 Cloudy  
Wytheville 68 72 48 Clear

**MINIATURE ALMANAC.**

Date July 10, 1918.

HIGH TIDE: Sun. 6:58 A. M. Morning..... 6:56

SUN sets..... 8:32 P. M. Evening..... 7:24

**UNITED STATES TAKES LEAD IN MANUFACTURE OF BUTTONS**

Germany Loses Predominant Position Held by Her Before

WASHINGTON, July 6.—In the old game of "button, button, whose got the button?" among the nations, the answer invariably was "Germany's got the button."

No longer. America's got the button, and she's making more of them every day. So rapidly, in fact, that after the war she's likely to hold the button market of the world, with Japan second and Germany trailing in the rear.

These facts are shown in a report of the United States tariff commission, just completed. Before the war Germany and Austria-Hungary were the button experts of the world.

The United States alone purchased \$1,000,000 worth of buttons from them. But the product in the United States has been raised from \$11,132,796 in 1904 to \$20,711,979 in 1914 and considerably higher since.

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## WHEAT ESTIMATE SHOWS CROP 891,000,000 BUSHELS

Unfavorable Conditions in June Reduced Yield 40,000,000 Below Expectations.

LOOK FOR RECORD CORN CROP

Government Figures Indicate Prospect for Outturn Well Above 3,000,000,000-Bushel Mark—Potatoes Total Half-Billion Bushels.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, July 9.—A reduction of 40,000,000 bushels in the prospective wheat harvest was shown to-day in the Department of Agriculture's July forecast, which is \$91,000,000 bushels, compared with \$21,000,000 bushels forecast in June. Deterioration during June reduced the prospective winter wheat crop by 26,000,000, and the spring wheat crop by 10,000,000 bushels.

The corn harvest promises to be the largest on record, with a total of 3,160,000,000 bushels, as forecast for the first time this season by the government. The acreage is almost 5 per cent smaller than planted last year, the total being 113,855,000 acres.

Production for crops of the various crops, estimated from their July 1 conditions, follows: Winter wheat, 557,000,000; spring wheat, 334,000,000; all wheat, 591,000,000; corn, 3,160,000,000; oats, 1,437,000,000; barley, 220,000,000; rice, \$1,600,000; white potatoes, 406,000,000; sweet potatoes,